GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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BAN ON INDIAN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether China has imposed ban on import of Indian fruits and vegetables in their country;

(b) if so, the date on which this ban was imposed by China alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have asked China to lift the ban; and

(d) if so, the response of China in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) to (d) : China banned import of Indian fruits and vegetables in 1992 due to the alleged occurrence of Mediterranean fruit fly (Ceratities capitata) in fruits, egg plants, pepper and tomatoes. During the process of, bilateral negotiations with China related to the latter`s accession to the World Trade Organization, this issues was taken up with China on22nd February, 2000 in this regard, China agreed to review the current plant quarantine restrictions on the import of mangoes and other fresh fruits and vegetables from India into China. It was also agreed to conclude a bilateral Protocol as early as possible on phyto-sanitary measures and certification procedures to be applied by the two countries. A formal application, indicating the kind of plant products we would like to export to China, along with technical material in accordance with International Plant Protection Convention (IPCC) on the `Parasite Risk Analysis` (PRA) norms, has already been sent by the Ministry of Agriculture to the Chinese authorities.